

**Cemetery Association
Minutes of Meeting
October 27, 2010**

The Town of Camden Cemetery Association held a meeting on the above date. Present were Patricia Ayers, Jeff Sukeforth, Parker Laite, Sr. and Kristine Lerner. Chris Lowe, Larry Gross and Isa Babb were absent. Also attending were Select Board member Deborah Dodge and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf. Jeff Sukeforth chaired the meeting.

1. Report resignation of Carole Lerner from Cemetery Association – Jeff Sukeforth reported that Carole Lerner had resigned from the Cemetery Committee. He publicly thanked Carole for her service on the committee and asked Carol Sue to mail a “thank you” letter to Carole. New board member Kristine Lerner was introduced.
2. Approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting - Parker Laite, Sr. made a motion, “to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting as written”. The motion was 2nd by Pat Ayers and approved by a vote.
3. Financial reports – Carol Sue reported end of year (6/30/2010) figures:
Anticipated revenue from trusts - Mt. View - \$15,781
Oak Hill - \$5,238

Irene F. Laite Memorial Trust - \$76,212

Interest proceeds - \$1,640

Balance in restricted expense account (for maintenance) - \$7,070

Cemetery Reserve Accounts

Stone Wall Reserve - \$22,607

Cemetery Reserve - \$24,535

After reviewing the September financial reports Parker Laite, Sr. made a motion, “to approve the financial reports as presented”. The motion was 2nd by Kristine Lerner and approved by a vote.

4. Stone pillars at Oak Hill North Cemetery (update) – Jeff Sukeforth reported that 2 pillars were in place. Parker asked what the estimated “per foot” cost to build a stone wall had been. Carol Sue shared estimates (Option A, B & C) from Farley & Son dated August 2, 2007.
5. Mt. View drainage (update) – Parker told the committee that he and Will Gartley from Gartley & Dorsky, Inc. walked the area after a heavy rain. They agreed that the drainage “issue” probably has more to do with the settling of the earth layers (over the years) than anything else. Any correction would entail a large project involving fill and the resetting of head stones.

OTHER

There was interest in having more head stones cleaned. Deborah Dodge asked if volunteers (Community School, Teen Center or a scouting group) might be organized to help. Jeff Sukeforth will talk with Sexton Bruce Libby about this.

Jeff told the committee about a large tree that had fallen at the Mt. View Cemetery during a recent storm. Luckily, there had been no damage to head stones. Jeff consulted with tree experts because the entire tree had *not* come down and it was decided that what did *remain* should be removed immediately. The tree has since been cut down and cleared away.

Deborah Dodge had gathered additional information about the cremation garden she has seen. The garden has plaques with the names of the deceased affixed to a wall nearby. The cost to use the garden for cremations is \$350.00 which includes the wall plaque.

The addition of a “pet cemetery” at the Oak Hill North Cemetery was briefly discussed.

Jeff reported that the notice to remove flowers, baskets, etc. by October 15th had been advertised and the workers were asked to pull all flags (not the holders) as well.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. in the Washington Street Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sue Greenleaf